

## DOH-PINELLAS HIGHLIGHTS RECENT EFFORTS IN PROVIDING COVID-19 VACCINES, MARCH 22-28

The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas), in partnership with the Florida Department of Health, Florida Division of Emergency Management and Pinellas County Government, is providing COVID-19 vaccination sites.

To keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware regarding the status of the virus, DOH-Pinellas will continue to issue this update every week. Registrations for vaccines in Pinellas are made via the CDR Maguire Patient Portal at <a href="https://www.PatientPortalFL.com">www.PatientPortalFL.com</a> or, for information, call (844) 770-8548.

County health departments have an important role to play in administering vaccine. Here's a summary of some of our top efforts during March 22-28:

- The state site in Palm Harbor was popular with the 50+ public during the 10 days it was
  in operation. It accepted walk-ups and offered either the one-dose Johnson & Johnson
  vaccines or the two-dose Pfizer. Our county-supported sites in St. Petersburg, Pinellas
  Park and Largo are open and book appointments via the CDR Maguire Patient Portal at
  <a href="https://www.PatientPortalFL.com">www.PatientPortalFL.com</a>
- We are continuing our health equity mission of taking vaccines to houses of worship and other locations in the community. In the past week, more than 1,000 people were vaccinated at outreach locations. The plan is to do add two of these outreach events each week to create more access points for underserved residents. This week we were at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, the Sanderlin Center, Bethel Metro Baptist Church and the Lao Arts & Cultural Center.
- The Health Equity Vaccination Task Force continues to meet every other week to bring faith leaders and community partners together for discussions and planning. Its most recent meeting was on March 26.
- DOH-Pinellas is continuing its efforts to vaccinate eligible adults enrolled in the countyfunded Primary Care Program for very low-income and homeless clients. Staff have also been providing vaccines to homeless shelters to protect this population that has no access to community vaccination sites.

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DOH-Pinellas continues to fight to protect health and safety as the rollout of COVID-19 vaccine continues. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Nextdoor for agency updates.

Residents 50 and older can schedule appointments via the CDR HealthPro portal as they become available at https://www.patientportalfl.com.

For up-to-date information on vaccine availability in Pinellas County, visit <a href="https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/vaccines/">https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/vaccines/</a>

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